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(U) Fremont – Suspect Arrested for Hotel Bomb Threat

(U) Police arrested a 24-year-old Fremont resident Varun Suresh after a Fremont hotel was evacuated following the reported bomb threat Friday morning. According to Fremont Police, a suspicious bag was discovered at the Hyatt Place hotel. About 70 guests inside the hotel were safely evacuated as a precaution. Fremont police confirmed that the Alameda County Sheriff's Office bomb squad had rendered the bag safe. West Warren Avenue was reopened and guests were allowed to return to the hotel.

SOURCE: 2 April 2021, CBS SF Bay Area

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) District of Columbia – Border Crossing In March Jumped To Highest Level in 15-Years

(U) Washington DC – Preliminary enforcement data for March reports the number of migrants crossing into the United States has increased to the highest levels in at least 15-years, and record numbers of teenagers and children arriving without parents have overwhelmed the government's ability to care for them. US agents took more than 171,000 migrants into custody last month, according to US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) figures. Last month, CBP took in more than 18,800 unaccompanied minors, a 99-percent increase from February and a figure far above the previous one-month high of 11,861 in May 2019. The jump in the number of migrants arriving as part of family groups was even steeper last month, soaring to more than 53,000, up from 19,246 in February and 7,294 in January, the preliminary figures show.

SOURCE: 2 April 2021, The Washington Post

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Suspect in Capitol Attack Suffered Delusions

(U) Washington DC – The man who rammed a car into two officers at a barricade outside the US Capitol, killing one of them before he was shot dead by police, had been suffering from delusions, paranoia and suicidal thoughts, a US official announced. Investigators believe it was an isolated incident from a disturbed young man. It was the second line-of-duty death this year for the US Capitol Police, still struggling from the 6 January insurrection. The attack underscored that the building and campus, and the officers charged with protecting them, remain potential targets for violence.

SOURCE: 3 April 2021, Associated Press

(U) New Jersey – Couple Arrested While Allegedly Trying to Travel Overseas to Join ISIS

(U) Newark – A couple was arrested in Newark, New Jersey, on criminal charges regarding their alleged attempt to provide material support to the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). "According to court documents, James Bradley, 20, of the Bronx, New York, and Arwa Muthana, 29, of Hoover, Alabama, are ISIS supporters who attempted to travel to the Middle East to join and fight for ISIS." Bradley has allegedly voiced support for the terrorist group and his desire to be part of it overseas or commit a terrorist attack in America.

SOURCE: 2 April 2021, Breitbart

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(U) New York - Facebook Data on More Than 500 Million Accounts Found Online

(U) New York City – Details from more than 500 million Facebook users have been found available on a website for hackers. The information appears to be several years old, but it is another example of the vast amount of information collected by Facebook and other social media sites, and the limits to how secure that information is. According to a business publication that announced the find, it has information from 106 countries including phone numbers, Facebook IDs, full names, locations, birthdates, and email addresses.

SOURCE: 3 April 2021, Associated Press

(U) Utah - FBI Arrests Former Police Officer for Participation in US Capitol Insurrection

(U) Kaysville – Federal agents on Friday arrested a former Salt Lake City police officer on allegations he took part in the 6 January insurrection at the US Capitol. Michael Hardin, of Kaysville, Utah, faces charges of knowingly entering or remaining in restricted grounds, disorderly and disruptive conduct in restricted grounds, disorderly conduct in a Capitol building, and demonstrating in a Capitol building. An anonymous tipster told the FBI that Hardin told them about his plans to travel to Washington, DC, and texted them on 6 January, "We stormed the Capitol, I am in here now!" according to a statement of facts from the Justice Department. Hardin also texted, "I know you don't like Trump, but he is the rightful President!" and "We will return until we win!"

SOURCE: 2 April 2021, UPI

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Taliban Key Commander among Five Terrorists Killed

(U) Taluqan – Five terrorists including a Taliban key commander were killed in Afghanistan's northern Takhar province on Sunday. The clash occurred after a group of Taliban terrorists attacked security checkpoints in Bandkasha village. Six people including a police constable and five insurgents including Taliban key commander Mullah Abdullah Nasiri, alias Abu Abida, were killed in the attack. Five more terrorists and two security personnel have been injured. No terrorist group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack.

SOURCE: 4 April 2021, ANI

(U) Somalia – Ten Killed in Suicide Bomb Attack in Somali Capital

(U) Mogadishu – At least 10 people were killed on Saturday when a suicide bomber struck makeshift kiosks in the Somali capital, hitting hours after al-Shabaab militants attacked two National Army bases outside the city, the government said. There was no immediate comment from al-Shabaab, which had earlier claimed responsibility for the attacks on the Bariire and Awdhigle army bases. The army said earlier that there had been casualties on both sides in those attacks, but it was now in control. Two explosions struck bases, located about 60-miles southwest of Mogadishu, witnesses said. A third explosion targeted a convoy of troops rushing to the bases from the capital after the attack. SOURCE: 4 April 2021, Reuters

(U) Syria – Operation at Al-Hawl Camp Nets 125 Suspected ISIS Arrests

(U) Al-Hawl – US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) say they have arrested 125 people suspected of having direct ties to ISIS, including six they have described as senior leaders, in a crackdown at the al-Hawl displaced persons camp in northeastern Syria. The most prominent is Abu Karar, identified as the second most senior ISIS operative at al- Hawl, arrested with seven others in a sweep of the camp late Thursday or early Friday. In addition to the arrests, the SDF says it has recovered weapons and ammunition, as well as laptops and other material that could provide critical intelligence. SOURCE: 2 April 2021, VOA

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